



## Locatable Minerals

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# Gemstone

**Gemstone** - The gemstones mined from Park and Teller counties are used in jewelry. These stones are crafted into various types of jewelry for amateur collectors and commercial sales. In 2007, Colorado ranked 9<sup>th</sup> among the gem-producing states. Colorado is famous for several specific types of gemstones. According to the Colorado Geologic Survey, the most famous mineral in Colorado is Rhodochrosite, which is typically pink to rose-red (rare) in color with white or cream bands. Rhodochrosite, named the official State mineral in 2002, is found worldwide; however, its large rose-red crystals are found only in a few places on earth, specifically at the Sweet Home Mine in Park County.

Aquamarine was named the official state gemstone in 1971. It is typically light greenish to sky blue, and is found in granite pegmatites on Mount Antero in Chaffee County. It has gained global recognition due to its high gemstone quality.



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